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comprising a unidirectional backing material; separating the backing layer by punching; removing the unwanted cut portion of the backing layers; and separating the protective layer in the space between the active substance reservoir sections.--

REMARKS

The pending claims in PCT/EP98/05321 have been canceled and replaced with new claims to conform to U.S. practice for entry into National Phase. No new matter has been added by these amendments.

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